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SUBJECT: Update on Publication of Poverty Guidelines and Income Eligibility Guidelines

TO: Regional Directors
Child Nutrition Programs
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The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update on the status of the 2010-2011 Income Eligibility Guidelines (IEGs) for the Child Nutrition Programs. We previously provided updates on the delayed publication of the Poverty Guidelines and the impact on IEGs in memoranda dated May 5 and June 11, 2010.

The updated Poverty Guidelines issued August 3, 2010, by the Department of Health and Human Services do not represent a change in the IEGs for the Child Nutrition Programs. Therefore, in making eligibility determinations for free and reduced price meals for School Year 2010-11, schools and institutions should continue to utilize the 2009-2010 IEGs. Such determinations shall be effective for the certification period set forth in the applicable program's regulations (e.g., for school programs, from the date of approval through the remainder of the current school year and up to 30 operating days of the following school year). The 2009-2010 IEGs will remain in place for the duration of the current school year.

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